

SENATE RESOLUTION 13

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Nashville FBI  
Citizens Academy Alumni Association.

WHEREAS, at 6:30 a.m. on Christmas morning 2020, downtown Nashville was rocked by the detonation of a bomb that destroyed several historic buildings, caused millions of dollars of damage, and resulted in widescale interruption of telephone and internet service, including critical 911 systems; and

WHEREAS, due to the courage and professionalism of police officers and first responders, no lives were lost on that fateful morning; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the bombing, local, State, and federal law enforcement officers converged on historic Second Avenue to secure the site and investigate the crime; and

WHEREAS, responding to a request from law enforcement, the Nashville FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association sprang into action to assist in the investigation; and

WHEREAS, during the days following the bombing, the Nashville FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association provided more than 3,000 free meals for local, State, and federal law enforcement agencies and fed more than 700 first responders for a week; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding citizens and companies who selflessly contributed their time, services, and goods include Rick Short, Randy Bailey, and Buck Dozier of the Box 55 Association; Mike Combs on behalf of Coca-Cola; Colonel Sandy Mangold of the FBI National Citizens Academy Alumni Association; Israel Garcia and Pastor Frank Wells of First Baptist Church; Ronnie Meeks of Five Daughters Bakery; Ted Fox of Fox's Donut Den; Scott Augenbaum and Michael Nothnagel on behalf of Infragard; Holly Carpenter on behalf of A. Marshall Hospitality; Mama Ginger Passarelli and Heidi Agun of The Soup Ladies; Costco; and

volunteers Liz Parrott, Leighton Bush, Holly Folsom, Clyde Duffie, Clarice Flint, Alba Gonzalez, Gay Nell, Lynn Ray, Michael Thornhill, Michael Honeycutt, and Leslie Ponder; and

WHEREAS, these noble public servants represent the true spirit of volunteerism as proud citizens of the Volunteer State, and they should be appropriately recognized for their commitment to the greater Nashville community and their support of our law enforcement officers and first responders; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend the officers and members of the Nashville FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association for providing more than 3,000 free meals to law enforcement officers and first responders during the initial on-site investigation of the Nashville Christmas Day bombing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.